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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6450
INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY
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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DELEGATION TO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC
REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (SOUTH YEMEN)

REF: STATE 131114

1. EMBOFF CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTION IN REFTTEL ON MAY 24
WITH FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPT. LATTER WILL SEND INSTRUCTION
TO ADEN PROMPTLY. SINCE FRIDAY IS HOLIDAY, WE EXPECT
MESSAGE WILL BE PASSED TO PDRY FOREIGN MINISTRY MORNING
OF MAY 27.

2. FCO OFFICERS (TATHAM AND BEAUMONT) COMMENTED TO
EMBOFF THAT THEY ASSUMED THIS MOVE ON PART OF USG
WAS TRIGGERED OFF BY PDRY SEIZURE OF OUR BUILDING IN
ADEN. EMBOFF DENIED THIS AND SAID TIMING OF APPROACH
WAS DICTATED BY OVERALL US POLICY CONSIDERATIONS.

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FCO OFFICERS THOUGHT PDRY MIGHT EVEN HOLD UP FURTHER
ANTAGONISTIC ACTION REGARDING OUR PROPERTY ON RECEIPT
OF THIS US MESSAGE. THEY NOTED BRITISH CHARGE WOULD
BE MEETING WITH PDRY ON THIS ISSUE MAY 24, AT WHICH
TIME HE WOULD MERELY LISTEN TO WHATEVER THE PDRY
OFFICIALS HAD TO SAY ABOUT OUR LEGAL POSITION REGARD-
ING OUR PROPERTY.

3. LONDON EMBASSY COMMENT: IF ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN-
DEED WORKED OUT FOR US TEAM TO UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION,
TEAM SHOULD BE ARMED WITH COPIES OF VIENNA CONVENTION
ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, TO WHICH PDRY SUBSCRIBES,
IN BOTH ENGLISH AND ARABIC. FORMER BRITISH CHARGE
FOUND IT NECESSARY TO KEEP COPIES OF IT IN HIS
POCKET ALL THE TIME SO THAT HE COULD USE IT IN
REMONSTRATING WITH PDRY OFFICIALS OVER THEIR IN-
FRACTIONS OF IT.

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